



5 Upper Gloucester Street
Dorset Square.

10 April 1858.

My dear Collier,

Accept my warmest
thanks for your great kindness
to me. I congratulate you sin-
cerely on the completion of your
second Edition, and on the great
increase of valuable matter
which you have been able to
bring to bear on your subject.
There is something painful
in the combination of the



most genial of poets with
the personal details which you
have felt bound to introduce.

My opinion is, and always
has been, that you have been
most wickedly ill-used by
Messrs Dyce & Co; and for your
own sake, and the sake of your
memory in time to come, I
have thought it necessary that
you should say your say in
reply. You have done so, and

I hope and trust you will
never more be disturbed upon
the Subject. May you live
to publish many more Editions,
and may the next give us the
Poet and his Editor only, without
a word of allusion to the envious
mean-spirited crew, who remind
one of nothing so much as of
a pack of dogs quarrelling
over a bone.

Again I thank you

with all my heart
and beg you to
Believe me

Yours very sincerely

Wm Bruce

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